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March 24, 2009

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND U.S. MAIL**

Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni

Chief Clerk/Administrator

**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**

Post Office Drawer 11649

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for  
adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and  
sewer service and modification of rate schedules; Docket No.  
2005-217-WS

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find a copy of a document obtained on today's date by Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") setting forth bulk water charges Hammond Water District intends to commence charging to USSC on March 31, 2009. This is an increase in the bulk rates described in Hearing Exhibit No. 9 in Docket No. 2007-286-WS and will affect customers in the Dobbins Estates, Hill & Dale, Lakewood, Edgebrook, Oakwood Estates, and Towncreek Acres Subdivisions in Anderson County as a result of the pass-through provisions contained in USSC's rate schedule approved in Order No. 2006-22 in the above-referenced docket.<sup>1</sup>

USSC has received no notice from Hammond Water District of this increase. Rather, the fact of this increase was only inadvertently discovered by USSC on today's date. Further, USSC is informed and believes that, notwithstanding the request made of Hammond Water District by the Office of Regulatory Staff for advance notice (i.e., greater than one billing cycle) that is described in the November 14, 2006, letter from Wendy B. Cartledge, Esquire, to the Commission in the above-referenced docket, no notice of this increase has been provided to ORS by the Hammond Water District.

Accordingly, USSC requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attachment as the notice required under Commission Order No. 2006-22 and waive any further requirements thereof which, due to the time constraints, cannot be met by USSC through no fault of its own.

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<sup>1</sup>The same provision is contained in the rate schedule proposed by USSC in Docket No. 2007-286-WS, which has been placed into effect under bond pursuant to Commission Order No. 2008-269.

*Cf.* Commission Directive September 27, 2006, Agenda Item 23, Docket No. 2005-217-WS. Therein, the Commission has previously granted such a waiver. See also Order No. 2002-285, Docket No. 2001-164-W/S at 14-15 (“we believe that the Company **should** submit its proposed adjustment for study at least 60 days in advance of its time to originate the new charge.”) If the Commission were to grant such a waiver, it would avoid the confusion which could arise if USSC had to include two or more months of bulk charges on a single customer bill.<sup>2</sup>

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Office of Regulatory Staff that I have provided the attached document and forwarded a copy of this associated correspondence on to you.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.**

s/John M.S. Hoefer

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/cf

Enclosures

cc: Florence P. Belser, Esquire  
Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire  
Jeffrey T. Nelson, Esquire

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<sup>2</sup>USSC would note that Hammond Water District bills on a bi-monthly basis, in arrears.

# **HAMMOND WATER DISTRICT**

**CURRENT RATES EFFECTIVE WITH 3/31/09 BILLING**

<b>CODE 50</b>	<b>¾" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 4,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$ 19.30 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 4,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS.</b>	
<b>CODE 51</b>	<b>1" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 8,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$ 38.60 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 8,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS.</b>	
<b>CODE 52</b>	<b>1 ½" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 14,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$ 67.50 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 14,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS.</b>	
<b>CODE 53</b>	<b>2" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 30,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$144.60 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 30,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS.</b>	
<b>CODE 54</b>	<b>3" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 50,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$241.00 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 50,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS</b>	
<b>CODE 55</b>	<b>4" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 80,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$385.60 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 80,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS.</b>	
<b>CODE 56</b>	<b>6" TAP</b>	<b>0 - 160,000 GALLONS</b>	<b>\$771.15 MIN.</b>
		<b>OVER 160,000 GAL. \$2.95 PER 1000 GALLONS</b>	

## **DHEC FEE**

**.90 PER BILL**

**TAP FEES EFFECTIVE 07/01/2008**

<b><u>TAP SIZE</u></b>	<b><u>TAP FEE</u></b>	<b><u>IMPACT FEE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL AMT.</u></b>
<b>¾ INCH</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>
<b>1 INCH</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>
<b>1 ½ INCH</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>
<b>2 INCH</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>

## **RENTER FEE (MUST BE PAID BEFORE WATER IS TURNED ON)**

**\$110 (\$80.00 DEPOSIT & \$30.00 NON-REFUNDABLE SERVICE FEE)**

## **MISC. FEES**

<b>SERVICE FEE TO TRANSFER WATER</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>RETURN CHECK FEE</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>DISCONNECT / PAST DUE ACCT</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>DISCONNECT (DUE TO TAMPERING WITH A METER, DAMAGE TO METER OR CUTTING LOCK)</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>REINSTATEMENT FEE FOR FORFEITED METER</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>METER SET FEE</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>

**NO ADJUSTMENTS FOR LEAKS UNDER 50,000 GALLONS.**